

North Yorkshire Council

Environment Executive Members

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North Yorkshire Council's response to Carbon Disclosure Project International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives -Track

Report of the Assistant Director – Environmental Services and Climate Change

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Corporate Director and Executive Member for Managing our Environment with North Yorkshire Council's draft response to the CDP ICLEI-Track disclosure platform, to seek further comments and delegate authority to the Assistant Director - Environmental Services and Climate Change to approve the final submission.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project) ICLEI-Track (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) is a global non-profit organisation that assists companies, investors, local authorities, cities, states and regions to assess their environmental impact. Disclosing through CDP-ICLEI Track is voluntary however it supports with:
- Improving transparency by reporting climate data publicly
 - Benchmarks performance across Local Authorities
 - Provides insights and resources to set and meet climate targets whilst identifying existing gaps
 - Provides relevant mitigation and adaptation tools and services
 - Framework provides opportunity to develop targets year-on-year
- 2.2 The Council is preparing a submission for the first time in order to report current progress in achieving the ambitious net zero and carbon negative targets agreed within the North Yorkshire Council Climate Change Strategy. Additionally, the Climate Change Delivery Pathway includes a commitment to participate in 2024 CDP reporting.
- 2.3 The reporting framework is divided into three pathways. The scoring methodology will only assess questions in Pathway 1 as these are questions requested by all partner organisations. Additional data points/questions provided in Pathway 2 or 3 will not be scored but disclosing jurisdictions are encouraged to disclose additional information.
- 2.4 Disclosing Local Authorities are recommended a pathway to disclose to based on three jurisdictional attributes (per capita emissions, population and Human Development Index (HDI)). North Yorkshire Council will submit to Pathway 2, which includes Pathway 1's scored questions with the provision of additional information. Reporting via this pathway has been advised by the CDP UK Cities Senior Engagement Officer.
- 2.4.1 CDP-ICLEI Track assesses the jurisdiction based on the answers provided to help identify gaps, provide benchmark performance indicators and find areas of opportunity.

- 2.4.2 CDP-ICLEI Track scores jurisdictions, disclosing to Pathway 1, based on the level of detail in their response, comprehensiveness, awareness of environmental issues, management methods, and progress towards environmental stewardship. Jurisdictions are scored across 4 scoring bands which represent the steps jurisdictions move through whilst progressing towards 'climate leadership'. The score range is 'D- to A' a breakdown of these scores is supplied in Appendix A. Whilst scores are not published, CDP-ICLEI Track reserve the right to share those who score an A via media campaigns. Anyone with a CDP account can log on to review all past submissions.
- 2.5 The information gathered through disclosure to CDP-ICLEI Track aligns with other frameworks including the Global Covenant of Mayors Common Reporting Framework, Sustainable Development Goals and Race to Zero.
- 2.6 The submission deadline for 2024's CDP ICLEI-Track disclosure is midnight on 18 September 2024.

3.0 DRAFT 2024 CDP-ICLEI TRACK SUBMISSION FOR REVIEW

- 3.1 The Council's draft 2024 submission to CDP-ICLEI Track has not been attached to this report due to the document's length (circa 480 pages). A briefing note is attached as Appendix A, which provides a summary of the answers given within the questionnaire. The full draft submission is available as a Background Document detailed at the end of this report.
- 3.2 The assessment is based on five modules:
- Governance – Oversight of climate issues, opportunities and equity, multi-level governance and collaboration. For example, this section queries the council's oversight of climate-related issues, the equitable distribution of climate action opportunities/benefits and collaboration with other government types on developing climate actions.
 - Assessment – Risk and Vulnerability Assessment, Green House Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory, Sector-specific Data. The assessment section focuses on the council's climate risk and vulnerability assessment (which is currently being developed), the most significant climate hazards faced by the council and the council's adaptive capacity.
 - Targets – Adaptation Goals, Emissions Reduction Targets, Sector-specific Targets. The council's adaptation plan is currently being developed. This section therefore targets the council's response to mitigation including reporting on the base year emissions (absolute) target and targets on aspects such as renewable energy generation/consumption, energy efficiency, energy poverty/access and transport etc.
 - Planning – Climate Actions Plan(s). This section requests details of the council's Climate Change Strategy, environment-related plans, policies/strategies and emissions associated with procurement and purchase/consumption of goods and services.
 - Actions – Adaptation Actions, Mitigation Actions. This section identifies the council's most significant adaptation and mitigation actions currently being undertaken. It also requests information on planned action and climate-related investment and financial planning.
- 3.3 Officer input from the Climate Change Team and other relevant service areas has been obtained to compile the submission. Additional liaison with neighbouring local authorities (City of York Council and Kirklees Council), that have previously submitted, has been sought as well as assistance from the CDP UK Cities Senior Engagement Officer.

- 3.4 The draft response is now 90% complete, with some remaining information yet to be collated and verified. Of significant importance is the emissions inventory data which is provided via the SCATTER tool. This is currently unavailable but is scheduled to be released before the submission deadline. Comments are now being sought on the draft, and it is recommended that the Assistant Director - Environmental Services and Climate Change signs off the final version.
- 3.5 Review of the 2024 scoring methodology indicates an expected grade of C/B-, with the highest-grade being A (this is speculative and will not be indicative of the final score provided by CDP-ICLEI Track). The Council's response is limited to 'B' as the adaptation plan is currently omitted from C.05 Targets – Adaptation Goals.
A grade of C/B- will mean that the council has understood the main risks and impacts of climate change and is taking action to adapt to and reduce these effects. Also recognised within this grade will be the Council's collaboration with key stakeholders to understand risks and impacts and plans in place to mitigate and adapt.

4.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Not disclosing to CDP-ICLEI Track has been rejected as the platform allows for progress of the council's efforts to reach Net Zero by 2030 to be monitored and measured and it is included in the Climate Change Delivery Pathway governance section to participate. CDP holds the largest data set on corporate and city (including Local Authority) action and is considered the gold standard for environmental reporting.
- 4.2 Delegating authority to Assistant Director - Environmental Services and Climate Change to sign off the final version will allow the Council to complete and submit a full response by the 18 September deadline.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications as a result of responding to CDP-ICLEI Track apart from officer time to complete the information. Disclosing via CDP-ICLEI Track does not incur the council any cost.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There is no legal obligation yet imposed on Local Authorities to report on this information, and the sharing of the data will be in line with UK GDPR requirements. Permission has been granted to use all data included in the submission by the data owners or is already in the public domain.

7.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) screening has been carried out and is attached as Appendix B. Approving and submitting this consultation response will not have an impact on people with protected characteristics, so a full EIA is not required.
- 7.2 There are instances in the report where inequalities are highlighted. A description of the Council's efforts to quantify and ensure equitable and inclusive distribution of climate action is referenced within sections 1.4.4 – 1.4.6 of the submission. Risks associated with the transition to a low-carbon economy are identified within section 1.3.5.
- 7.3 There is also a requirement to report on the most significant climate hazards identified to impact North Yorkshire. Included in this section is the need to identify vulnerable population groups exposed to these threats. This can be found in section 2.2.

8.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 A Climate Change Impact Assessment (CCIA) screening has been carried out and is attached as Appendix C. Approving and submitting this consultation response will not have a climate change impact, so a full CCIA is not required. The submission will improve the council's understanding and monitoring of performance in strategic and operational climate leadership.

9.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 Officers have produced a draft response to the CDP-ICLEI Track disclosure platform. Due to the draft submission being over 400 pages long a briefing note is included in Appendix A. The full draft submission is available as a background document, details for access to this can be found below in the 'Background Documents' section. Any further comments and views are now being sought from the Corporate Director and Executive Member for Managing our Environment, along with delegation to the Assistant Director - Environmental Services and Climate Change to approve the final submission.

10.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 10.1 It is recommended that:
- i) The Corporate Director - Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Managing our Environment agrees to submit the Council's response to CDP-ICLEI Track.
 - ii) The Corporate Director – Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Managing our Environment consider any further comments and responses on the draft response to CDP -ICLEI, and approve final version being approved by the Assistant Director - Environmental Services and Climate Change.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – CDP-ICLEI Track draft Submission briefing note 2024

Appendix B – Equalities Impact Assessment screening

Appendix C – Climate Change Impact Assessment screening

BACKGROUND DOCUMENT: North Yorkshire Council's draft response to CDP-ICLEI Track.24.09.12 Background Document – Full Response CDP-ICLEI Track V2

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CDP-ICLEI Track 2024 Submission

Briefing Note

29 August 2024

1. Executive Summary

North Yorkshire Council will submit to the CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project) -ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) Track disclosure service for the first time in its 2024 reporting cycle. The council will be graded based on Disclosure, Awareness, Management and Leadership shown throughout the submission. There are nine sections within the questionnaire requesting information on governance, assessment, targets, planning and actions. The submission accounts for relevant data within the area the council governs.

Review of the 2024 scoring methodology indicates an expected grade of C/B-, with the highest-grade being A (this is speculative and will not be indicative of the final score provided by CDP-ICLEI Track). Reasoning for this grade is provided in section C.05 Targets – Adaptation Goals.

A grade of C/B- means that the council has understood the main risks and impacts of climate change and is taking action to adapt to and reduce these effects. Also recognised is the council's collaboration with key stakeholders to understand risks and impacts and now have plans in place to mitigate and adapt.

2. Background

CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project) ICLEI-Track (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) is a global non-profit that assists companies, investors, local authorities, cities, states, and regions to assess their environmental impact. The North Yorkshire Council Climate Change Delivery Pathway (CCDP) includes a commitment to participate in 2024 CDP reporting. The submission deadline for 2024's reporting cycle is by midnight on 2nd October.

The reporting framework is divided into three pathways. Disclosing Local Authorities are recommended a pathway to disclose to based on three jurisdictional attributes (per capita emissions, population, and Human Development Index (HDI)). North Yorkshire Council will submit to Pathway 2 based on the answers to these questions and advice from CDP UK Cities Senior Engagement Officer.

In 2024, the scoring methodology will only assess questions in Pathway 1. These include the data points requested by all partner organisations and therefore, all jurisdictions will be scored on the same data points and with the same scoring criteria. Any additional data points/questions presented in Pathway 2 or 3, or any project-specific data points/questions, will not be scored.

North Yorkshire Council will submit a response to the CDP-ICLEI Track 2024 'Cities' questionnaire. Please note, the Cities denotation is simply the name of the CDP questionnaire. The CDP-ICLEI Track programme began with cities but has since expanded the scope of their work with over 1,100 local governments reporting globally. A range of local authorities, varying in size and type, can report as a "city" to CDP-ICLEI Track, including local authorities (e.g. City of Manchester), combined authorities (e.g. Greater Manchester Combined Authority), and city cohorts (e.g. Chicago Metropolitan Mayors Caucus). Due to the substantial volume of the submission (the completed questionnaire is circa 480 pages long), this briefing note

contains a summary of the proposed content in the council's submission and outlines the next steps.

3. Questionnaire summary and overview of responses

The questionnaire is broken into the following sections. Provided below is a summary of the information requested within each of these and a brief example of our response.

C.01 Governance

This section seeks information on our oversight of climate-related risks and opportunities and how these issues have impacted planning.

Key points from response:

- Climate Change has been identified as the most significant risk on the council's Corporate Risk Register since November 2022.
- The Register recognises that failure to deliver the council's aim to achieve carbon neutrality would contribute towards damaging events e.g. floods, heat waves, unmet public expectation and missed opportunities for energy spend reduction.
- To mitigate challenges associated with the transition to a low-carbon economy the Beyond Carbon Board keep abreast of climate change policy developments. The council will continue to work with local suppliers through the procurement strategy framework to support businesses.
- The council's identification of opportunities/benefits of climate action are identified through the co-benefits provided within the Climate Change Strategy.
- Equitable and inclusive distribution of climate action intervention is regulated through Equality Impact Assessments, the Council Plan, Area Constituency Committees, performance frameworks and meetings linking to the Corporate Equality Diversity and Inclusion Group.
- The most significant engagement with other levels of government on climate action is with the Mayoral Combined Authority, Yorkshire and Humber Climate Coalition, White Rose Forest and the North East and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub.

C.02 Assessment – Climate Risk and Vulnerability

Question two examines the council's consideration of risks and vulnerabilities exposed by climate related hazards. This section requests details on the most significant climate hazards faced by the jurisdiction, the impact these can have on different populations and the services most impacted. The question also requests the most significant factors impacting the jurisdiction's ability to adapt to climate change. The CCDP indicates that a full adaptation plan will be developed by March 2025 and as part of this it is proposed to develop a 'Risk and Vulnerability Assessment' and so the below hazards have been selected using the climate change team's subject matter expertise.

- The most significant climate-related hazards considered in the council's response are:
 - Coastal flooding (including sea level rise)
 - Urban flooding
 - River flooding
 - Drought
 - Heavy precipitation
 - Extreme wind

- Extreme heat
- Biodiversity loss
- Extreme cold
- Other coastal events – coastal erosion
- The most significant factors impacting the council's ability to adapt to climate change, amongst others, have been identified as:
 - Housing
 - Access to mobility and transport services
 - Budgetary capacity
 - Environmental conditions
 - Access to basic services
 - Cost of living
 - Access to healthcare
 - Infrastructure conditions / maintenance

C.03 Assessment – Emissions Inventory

This section requests community-wide emissions inventory reporting.

- Direct and indirect emissions (metric tonnes CO₂e) reported for sectors and subsectors including residential buildings, commercial buildings, institutional buildings / facilities, industrial buildings / facilities, and agriculture.
- The council have used the most up to date emissions inventory data supplied by the SCATTER Tool which is supported and recommended for use by CDP.

C.04 Assessment – Sectoral Data

This section requests information on North Yorkshire's energy data, passenger/freight data, waste, pollution, health outcomes, food security and water supply.

- Total energy consumption and consumption from renewable energy sources is provided using energy consumption data available through the Scatter Cities portal (<https://scattercities.com/data/crf-reporting>)
- Installed capacity (MW) and annual generation (MWh) of renewable energy sources is provided for:
 - Solar PV 175.89 – 157232.19
 - Hydropower 2.39 – 6985.82
 - Wind 51.09 – 91268.1
 - Bioenergy (Biomass and Biofuels) 2667.9 – 10773027.97
 - Municipal solid waste, landfill gas, sewage gas 44.14 – 0
- Number of households in jurisdiction facing energy poverty – 15.1%
- Waste data including solid waste generated, percentage of solid waste utilised for waste to energy. Data is only available for household waste for 2023.
- Air pollution metrics reported include:
 - NO₂ concentration: 40ug/m³ & 224 monitoring stations across the county
 - Particulate Matter PM_{2.5} concentration (annual average): 10ug/m³
 - PM_{2.5} percentage reduction target by 2040 in England (compared to a base year of 2018): 35%
- Household access to water, sanitation services and water consumption – 100%
- Percentage of population food insecure – 10.4%
- Quantity of food procured for government-owned and/or operated facilities. Data is available for ambient goods, fresh meat and chilled/frozen – 13,400t.

C.05 Targets – Adaptation Goals

Currently not applicable as the Climate Change Team develop a full adaptation plan by March 2025 in line with the Delivery Pathway. Therefore, at this time the council is unable to provide a fully reported adaptation goal in question 5.1.1 which limits the potential grade to 'B'. (Leadership essential criteria - Introduction_to_Cities_Scoring_2024.pdf (cdp.net))

C.06 Targets – Mitigation

This section seeks the current active greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for the council.

- It is identified that the council has an active greenhouse gas emissions reduction target in place. This is evidenced via the council's Climate Change Strategy and adoption of the Routemap to Carbon Negative which sets out how the council will work with partners to achieve a region-wide ambition to be net zero by 2034 and carbon negative by 2040. For the council's internal operations, our aim is to be carbon neutral by 2030.

This section also requests information on the use of carbon credits sold to or purchased from outside jurisdiction or target boundary.

- The council does not currently purchase or sell carbon credits - where we cannot decrease emissions through mitigation, our strategy acknowledges that we need to capture and store carbon to reach net zero. Our strategy currently focuses on sequestration via natural processes and protecting carbon stores rather than purchasing carbon credits.

C.07 Targets – Sectors

This section requests details of the council's energy-related and other environment-related targets active in the reporting year (2024). Targets included within this section include those outlined in the York & North Yorkshire Routemap to Carbon Negative and such the reporting area includes City of York Council. An example of the targets in this section include:

- Increase installed anaerobic digestion (AD) generation capacity by 14MW by 2030 and 16MW by 2038.
- Retrofit 180,000 homes to at least EPC C rating by 2030, and 250,000 homes by 2038.
- Deploy rooftop solar PV on 70,000 homes by 2030 and 101,00 by 2038.
- Instal 3161 public EVCP's by 2030 – The council are responsible for 50% of these installations the others are to be privately funded.
- Plant 37,000 hectares of new woodland by 2038.
- North Yorkshire Council's Shared Prosperity Fund business and community support programmes have provided free of charge decarbonisation plans that give an overview of opportunities related to energy efficiency, renewable energy generation, minimising waste and so on to community buildings and businesses across North Yorkshire.

C.08 Planning

This section requires the relevant strategies/plans/policies that address mitigation and adaptation within the jurisdiction. Requested is the council's plan/strategy that addresses mitigation, adaptation, and energy.

- North Yorkshire Council's Climate Change Strategy has been provided as the overarching strategy. The Strategy contains three key themes including mitigation, adaptation and supporting nature. It also expands on topics such as energy usage and generation, circular economy and waste, and water security.

This section also requests details of other environment-related plans, policies, and strategies. The below have been provided to support this:

- Climate Emergency declared in July 2022
- Air Quality Action Plan
- Local Development Scheme
- Biodiversity Action Plans from legacy councils
- Local Flood Risk Strategy
- Transforming Cities Fund
- North Yorkshire Council Health and Adult Services Climate Action Plan
- Creating a Competitive, Carbon-Neutral Economy in York & North Yorkshire
- Adverse Weather Event Management Plan
- Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Howardian Hills National Landscape, Nidderdale National Landscape, North York Moors National Park and Yorkshire Dales Management Plans
- Local Investment in Natural Capital and Local Nature Recovery Strategies

This section also covers strategies for reducing emissions from consumption and procurement of the most relevant goods and services and strategies for reducing emissions from the jurisdiction's (county's) procurement and purchase of goods and services. Strategies that support this answer include:

- Routemap to Carbon Negative
- North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan
- Low Carbon Procurement Guidance (Goods & Services)
- Legacy Council's Waste Management Strategies
- Low Carbon Procurement Guidance – ICT Hardware

C.09 Actions

This section requires the most significant adaptation and mitigation actions the jurisdiction is currently undertaking to be reported. It also requires the provision of planned climate-related projects within the jurisdiction which hope to attract financing, and report on factors that support climate-related investment and financial planning.

The most significant adaptation actions currently being undertaken have been identified:

- Local Flood Risk Strategy Action Plan – addresses the threat of fluvial flooding.
- The A59 Kex Gill project – adaptation made for land instability.
- Local Nature Recovery Strategy
- Shoreside Power (feasibility study) – aims to identify opportunities and impacts of replacing fossil fuel powered generators used to power vessels with grid electrical connection.
- White Rose Forest – Community Forest supported by the council to increase tree cover throughout Yorkshire.
- Decarbonising Dalton Industrial Estate (feasibility study) – This project aims to assess emissions associated with power, heat, transport and materials and create a holistic plan on the decarbonisation of these elements.

- Local Investment in Natural Capital & Biodiversity Net Gain
- York and North Yorkshire Innovation Resilience Project – This project will see the delivery of Natural Flood Management measures implemented within the SUNO catchment.
- York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority Adaptation Plan – North Yorkshire Council will contribute to the development of the Adaptation Study which will cover the jurisdictional region of York and North Yorkshire. The study will identify the specific vulnerabilities of York and North Yorkshire and will enable effective measures to be implemented that enhance the region's resilience.

The most significant mitigation actions currently being undertaken have been identified as:

- Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund – This project will improve the energy performance rating of social rented homes.
- Replicating Bristol City Leap within North Yorkshire – Pilot project to test different delivery models to accelerate the move towards net zero at a local level by leveraging in commercial investment at scale through a bundled approach
- Development of council's fleet decarbonisation strategy (feasibility study) – Study will assess the feasibility of the use of green hydrogen for HGV fleet.
- North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan & Local Walking and Cycling Plans
- Bus Service Improvement Plan 3 – enhance timetables to encourage users of public transport and the shift away from ICE vehicles.
- Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy
- Waste collection and disposal strategy to be harmonised.
- Home Upgrade Grant 2 – aims to reduce emissions and energy bills of low-income, private sector households that aren't connected to mains gas.
- Local Energy Advice Demonstrator – provides domestic energy advice to households across North Yorkshire via home surveys and free energy plans.
- Shared Prosperity Fund – grants towards decarbonising community and business properties including providing free of charge decarbonisation audits.
- Local Area Energy Plans – highlights areas and properties to benefit from intervention.
- District Heat Network & Geothermal Energy opportunities – Potto District Heating programme – a proposed heat network assessment for c.80 homes to be heated via geothermal energy.
- Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund – funding to provide officer time and resources to develop a tree planting strategy for North Yorkshire.

Planned climate-related projects North Yorkshire Council hope to attract financing for are:

- Shore Power at Scarborough and Whitby Harbours – a feasibility study to investigate the potential to deliver shore side power to support marine traffic decarbonisation.
- Green Energy Park at Seamer Carr & Decarbonising Allerton Waste Recovery Park (AWRP) – a feasibility study to review options to decarbonise AWRP and establish a green energy park at Seamer Carr closed landfill.
- District Heat Network (Potto) – a feasibility study to support community energy development in the village of Potto.
- Whitby & Scarborough Park & Ride EV Hyperhub business case development
- Electric Vehicle Public Charging Infrastructure Rollout Strategy – to develop EVCP Strategy to build on successful LEVI bid.

North Yorkshire Council's response to the factors that support climate-related investment and financial planning is being reviewed but it is anticipated this will be available by 12 September.

CDP-ICLEI Track's approach to scoring:

- **Disclosure (D- or D):** A jurisdiction in the Disclosure scoring band has just started the journey of understanding and reporting on climate impacts. These jurisdictions understand the value of collecting data to drive climate action but may not have structures or resources in place to obtain the necessary information. Jurisdictions in the Disclosure band report on the degree to which climate impacts and risks have been measured.
- **Awareness (C- or C):** A jurisdiction in the Awareness scoring band is in the process of assessing the main risks and impacts of climate change. These jurisdictions have begun developing an assessment and measuring impacts to get a holistic understanding of the main effects climate change has on their jurisdiction and are beginning to take action to reduce them.
- **Management (B- or B):** A jurisdiction in the Management band has managed to gather data on the main risks and impacts of climate change and is taking action to adapt to and reduce these effects. These jurisdictions have worked collaboratively with key stakeholders to understand their risks and impacts and now have plans in place to mitigate and/or adapt.
- **Leadership (A- or A):** A Leadership jurisdiction demonstrates best practice standards across adaptation and mitigation, has set ambitious goals and made progress towards achieving those goals. Jurisdictions in the Leadership band have strategic, holistic plans in place to ensure the actions they are taking will reduce climate impacts and vulnerabilities of the people, businesses, and organizations in their jurisdiction

Thresholds:

Level	Threshold	Score Level
Disclosure	1-44%	D-
	45-79%	D
Awareness	1-44%	C-
	45-79%	C
Management	1-44%	B-
	45-79%	B
Leadership	1-59%	A-
	60-100%	A

4. Conclusion

To summarise, 2024's reporting cycle will be the council's first submission to CDP-ICLEI Track. The grading from this year's submission will identify areas which require improvement and act as a baseline to increase the grade of next year's submission. The council should at this point have developed a Climate Risk & Vulnerability Register and an adaptation plan which will allow for progression towards the 'A/A-' grades. Omission of this information in this reporting cycle means the council may score a grade of C/B-.

The submission deadline for the 2024 reporting cycle is midnight on 18th September.

CDP-ICLEI Track may publicise responses that score an A through media campaigns. All data included in North Yorkshire Council's submission has received appropriate permission to include in a potentially public facing document. To see the full report please email thomas.matthews@northyorks.gov.uk

Initial equality impact assessment screening form This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.			
Directorate	Environment		
Service area	Climate Change		
Proposal being screened	Agreement to submit a response to CDP-ICLEI Track platform which reports on the Council's current emissions data and actions being taken to reach carbon reduction targets. This report's purpose is to provide the Corporate Director and Executive Member with North Yorkshire Council's draft response to the CDP ICLEI-Track disclosure platform, to seek further comments and delegate authority to the Assistant Director (Environmental Services and Climate Change) to approve the final submission.		
Officer(s) carrying out screening	Thomas Matthews		
What are you proposing to do?	Disclose North Yorkshire's carbon reduction efforts through the CDP-ICLEI Track platform.		
Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?	To ensure the Council is taking the necessary steps to reach the ambitious Net Zero and Carbon Negative targets outlined in agreed strategies.		
Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources? Please give details.	No		
<p>Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYC's additional agreed characteristics</p> <p>As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics? Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important? Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to? <p>If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be an adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your directorate representative for advice if you are in any doubt.</p>			
Protected characteristic	Potential for adverse impact		Don't know/No info available
	Yes	No	
Age		X	
Disability		X	
Sex		X	
Race		X	
Sexual orientation		X	
Gender reassignment		X	

Religion or belief		x	
Pregnancy or maternity		x	
Marriage or civil partnership		x	
People in rural areas		x	
People on a low income		x	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		x	
Are from the Armed Forces Community		x	
Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts (for example, disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	<p>There are instances in the report where inequalities are highlighted.</p> <p>A description of the council's efforts to quantify and ensure equitable and inclusive distribution of climate action is referenced within sections 1.4.4 – 1.4.6 of the submission.</p> <p>There is also a requirement to report on the most significant climate hazards identified to impact North Yorkshire. Included in this section is the need to identify vulnerable population groups exposed to these threats. This can be found in section 2.2.</p>		
Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (for example, partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.	No		
Decision (Please tick one option)	EIA not relevant or proportionate:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Continue to full EIA: <input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for decision	Responding to CDP-ICLEI Track will not have an impact on people with protected characteristics		
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Michael Leah		
Date	21/08/2024		

Initial Climate Change Impact Assessment (Form created August 2021)

The intention of this document is to help the council to gain an initial understanding of the impact of a project or decision on the environment. This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. Dependent on this initial assessment you may need to go on to complete a full Climate Change Impact Assessment. The final document will be published as part of the decision-making process.

If you have any additional queries, which are not covered by the guidance please email climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk

Title of proposal	North Yorkshire Council CDP-ICLEI Track 2024 Response
Brief description of proposal	Draft response to CDP-ICLEI Track presented for consideration and approval by director and executive Member. This report's purpose is to provide the Corporate Director and Executive Member with North Yorkshire Council's draft response to the CDP ICLEI-Track disclosure platform, to seek further comments and delegate authority to the Assistant Director (Environmental Services and Climate Change) to approve the final submission.
Directorate	Environment
Service area	Climate Change
Lead officer	Thomas Matthews
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	

The chart below contains the main environmental factors to consider in your initial assessment – choose the appropriate option from the drop-down list for each one.

Remember to think about the following;

- Travel
- Construction
- Data storage
- Use of buildings
- Change of land use
- Opportunities for recycling and reuse

Environmental factor to consider	For the council	For the county	Overall
Greenhouse gas emissions	No effect on emissions	No Effect on emissions	No effect on emissions
Waste	No effect on waste	No effect on waste	No effect on waste
Water use	No effect on water usage	No effect on water usage	No effect on water usage
Pollution (air, land, water, noise, light)	No effect on pollution	No effect on pollution	No effect on pollution
Resilience to adverse weather/climate events (flooding, drought etc)	No effect on resilience	No effect on resilience	No effect on resilience
Ecological effects (biodiversity, loss of habitat etc)	No effect on ecology	No effect on ecology	No effect on ecology
Heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape

If any of these factors are likely to result in a negative or positive environmental impact then a full climate change impact assessment will be required. It is important that we capture information about both positive and negative impacts to aid the council in calculating its carbon footprint and environmental impact.

Decision (Please tick one option)	Full CCIA not relevant or proportionate:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Continue to full CCIA:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for decision	Approving and submitting the CDP-ICLEI Track response (the subject of this report) will have a positive impact on the council's ability to understand climate impacts and management across our jurisdiction, but a full CCIA is not required.			
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Michael Leah			
Date	21/08/2024			